

Patents
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REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 17-19, 22, 23, 26-46, and 53-55 are pending in this application, prior to this amendment. Claims 1-25 and 45 are now canceled (the Group I inventions), without prejudice, leaving claims 26-44, 46, and 53-55 in the application. (Claims 47-52 were previously canceled as directed to nonelected subject matter, without prejudice.)

Independent claims 26, 40, 43, 53, 54, and 55 have been amended in accordance with the discussions with the examiner. The remaining respective dependent claims have also been amended to make them consistent with the amendments to the independent claims. All amendments are believed to be self-explanatory and in compliance with the discussions with the examiner.

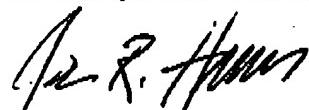
Reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the remarks that follow.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete substitute response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, and is believed to have placed all remaining claims in condition for allowance. Such action is courteously solicited. If any issues remain that can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 404.504.7720.

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